

KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025(a)
DEMOGRAPHY							
Mid-year population ('000 persons) (b)(c)	21,811	21,927	22,156	22,181	22,037	21,916	21,756
Growth of mid-year population (%) (b)	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.1	-0.6	-0.5	-0.7
Population density (persons per sq.km.) (b)	348	350	353	354	351	352	349
Labour force ('000 persons) (d)	8,592	8,467	8,553	8,547	8,408	8,316	8,554(e)
Labour force participation rate (%) (d)	52.3	50.6	49.9	49.8	48.6	47.4	49.4(e)
Unemployment rate (% of labour force) (d)	4.8	5.5	5.1	4.7	4.7	4.4	3.9(e)
OUTPUT (f)							
GDP at current market price (Rs. bn)	15,911	15,646	17,612	24,063	27,539(g)	30,096(a)(g)	32,751
GNI at current market price (Rs. bn)	15,470	15,223	17,217	23,446	26,705(g)	29,311(a)(g)	32,142
GDP at current market price (USD bn) (h)	89.0	84.4	88.6	76.8	84.1(g)	99.6(a)(g)	108.8
GNI at current market price (USD bn) (h)	86.5	82.1	86.6	75.0	81.6(g)	97.0(a)(g)	106.8
Per capita GDP at current market price (Rs.)(i)	729,493	713,561	794,926	1,084,855	1,249,675(g)	1,373,235(a)(g)	1,505,371
Per capita GNI at current market price (Rs.)(i)	709,256	694,267	777,073	1,057,035	1,211,847(g)	1,337,426(a)(g)	1,477,395
Per capita GDP at current market price (USD) (h)(i)	4,080	3,850	3,999	3,464	3,818(g)	4,546(a)(g)	5,003
Per capita GNI at current market price (USD) (h)(i)(j)	3,967	3,746	3,910	3,379	3,702(g)	4,428(a)(g)	4,910
REAL OUTPUT (% change) (f)							
GDP	-0.2	-4.6	4.2	-7.3	-2.0(g)	5.0(a)(g)	5.0
Major economic activities of GDP							
Agriculture	0.5	-0.9	1.0	-4.1	0.1(g)	0.6(a)(g)	1.4
Industry	-4.1	-5.3	5.7	-16.0	-9.2(g)	11.1(a)(g)	7.8
Services	2.9	-1.9	3.4	-2.6	0.5(g)	2.4(a)(g)	3.3
GNI	-0.5	-4.5	4.7	-7.6	-2.5(g)	5.4(a)(g)	5.7
AGGREGATE DEMAND AND SAVINGS (% of GDP) (f)							
Consumption	71.7	73.3	70.7	76.3	77.9(g)	76.3(a)(g)	74.2
Private	62.7	62.9	61.2	69.1	71.1(g)	69.3(a)(g)	67.5
Government	9.0	10.4	9.5	7.2	6.7(g)	7.0(a)(g)	6.7
Investment	34.1	32.9	36.7	27.3	24.3(g)	26.3(a)(g)	29.6
Net exports of goods and services	-5.8	-6.2	-7.4	-3.6	-2.1(g)	-2.6(a)(g)	-3.9
Exports of goods and services	21.8	15.5	16.9	21.6	20.6(g)	19.8(a)(g)	19.0
Imports of goods and services	27.6	21.6	24.3	25.1	22.7(g)	22.4(a)(g)	22.8
Domestic savings	28.3	26.7	29.3	23.7	22.1(g)	23.7(a)(g)	25.8
Net primary and secondary income from rest of the world	3.7	4.7	3.6	2.3	3.9(g)	3.8(a)(g)	5.5
National savings	32.0	31.3	33.0	26.0	26.0(g)	27.6(a)(g)	31.2
PRICES AND WAGES (% change)							
Colombo Consumer Price Index (2021 = 100) - annual average	-	-	-	-	17.4	1.2	-0.5
Colombo Consumer Price Index (2021 = 100) - y-o-y (end period)	-	-	-	-	4.0	-1.7	2.1
Colombo Consumer Price Index (2013 = 100) - annual average (k)	4.3	4.6	6.0	46.4	-	-	-
Colombo Consumer Price Index (2013 = 100) - y-o-y (end period) (k)	4.8	4.2	12.1	57.2	-	-	-
National Consumer Price Index (2021 = 100) - annual average	-	-	-	-	16.5	1.6	0.2
National Consumer Price Index (2021 = 100) - y-o-y (end period)	-	-	-	-	4.2	-2.0	2.9
National Consumer Price Index (2013 = 100) - annual average (l)	3.5	6.2	7.0	50.4	-	-	-
National Consumer Price Index (2013 = 100) - y-o-y (end period) (l)	6.2	4.6	14.0	59.2	-	-	-
Producer Price Index (2018 Q4 = 100) - annual average	-	5.8	10.9	74.0	11.5	...	-0.9
GDP deflator (f)	3.9	3.1	8.0	47.5	16.8(g)	4.1(a)(g)	3.7
GNI deflator (f)	3.9	3.0	8.1	47.4	16.8(g)	4.2(a)(g)	3.8
Nominal Wage Rate Indices							
Formal Private Sector Employees (1978 Dec = 100) - annual average (m)	2.9	0.2	74.4	9.8	0.4	0.1	29.8
Public Sector Employees (2016 = 100) - annual average	4.7	9.2	-	16.1	-	18.5	14.9
Informal Private Sector Employees (2018 = 100) - annual average	-	6.4	9.2	24.5	11.4	6.0	5.3
EXTERNAL TRADE							
Trade balance (USD mn)	-7,997	-6,008	-8,139	-5,185	-4,900	-6,069	-7,899
Exports	11,940	10,047	12,499	13,106	11,911	12,772	13,581
Imports	19,937	16,055	20,637	18,291	16,811	18,841	21,480
Terms of trade (% change)	-1.6	2.5	-8.6	-11.6	-0.6	1.3	-0.8
Export unit value index (2010 = 100) (% change)	-6.3	-6.8	5.4	0.9	-11.3	-3.7	-0.4
Import unit value index (2010 = 100) (% change)	-4.8	-9.1	15.2	14.1	-10.8	-4.9	0.4
Export volume index (2010 = 100) (% change)	7.2	-9.7	18.0	3.9	2.4	11.3	6.8
Import volume index (2010 = 100) (% change)	-5.8	-11.4	11.5	-22.4	3.0	17.9	13.6
EXTERNAL FINANCE (USD mn)							
Services and primary income account (net)	388	-1,386	-373	240	505	837(g)	1,671
Current private transfers (net)	5,757	6,194	5,221	3,493	5,815	6,429	7,946
Current official transfers (net)	9	13	6	3	20	10	1
Current account balance	-1,843	-1,187	-3,284	-1,448	1,439	1,207(g)	1,719
Overall balance	377	-2,328	-3,967	-2,806	2,826	2,890	1,798

(a) Provisional

(b) Based on provisional data from the Registrar General's Department as at 31 March 2026.

(c) Mid-year population estimates from 2019 to 2024 are based on the 2012 Census of Population and Housing, while the 2025 estimate is based on the preliminary data from 2024 Census of Population and Housing.

(d) Household population aged 15 and above is considered for the calculation of labour force.

(e) Based on the average of four quarters.

(f) GDP estimates (base year 2015) released in March 2026 by the Department of Census and Statistics have been used.

(g) Revised

(h) Based on quarterly GDP/GNI in USD terms calculated using quarterly average exchange rate from 2015 onwards.

(i) Estimates are updated with the latest population figures from the Registrar General's Department as at 31 March 2026.

(j) These values may differ from DCS published values due to differences in the use of quarterly average exchange rates in comparison to annual average exchange rate for derivation of GNI in USD terms.

(k) Compilation of this index was discontinued since February 2023.

(l) Compilation of this index was discontinued since January 2023.

(m) Nominal wages of formal private sector employees, whose wages are governed by the wage boards are measured by the minimum wage rate index (1978 December = 100) compiled by the Department of Labour.

KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS (Contd.)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025(a)
Current account balance (% of GDP) (f)(n)	-2.1	-1.4	-3.7	-1.9	1.7	1.2	1.6
Total foreign assets (months of the same year imports) (o)	6.3	6.4	3.6	3.9	6.7	7.2	6.9
Gross official reserves (months of the same year imports)	4.6	4.2	1.8	1.2	3.1	3.9	3.8
Overall debt service ratio (p)							
As a percentage of export of goods and services	29.7	35.2	30.7	15.4	15.9	21.6(g)	24.9
As a percentage of current receipts	21.8	22.6	22.3	12.3	11.6	15.8(g)	17.6
Total external debt: based on market value (% of GDP) (f)(n)	61.6	58.1	58.4	64.6	64.5(g)	55.4(g)	50.4
EXCHANGE RATES							
Year end							
Rs/USD	181.63	186.41	200.43	363.11	323.92	292.58	309.99
Rs/SDR (q)	251.17	268.48	280.53	483.24	434.60	381.57	424.54
Annual average							
Rs/USD	178.78	185.52	198.88	324.55	327.53	302.12	300.95
Rs/SDR (q)	246.97	258.61	283.18	431.91	436.88	401.07	406.55
NEER (2017 = 100) (24 - currency basket) (r)	88.17	85.93	78.64	53.99	53.30	58.56	58.57
REER (2017 = 100) (24 - currency basket) (r)(s)	90.42	91.52	83.58	77.49	71.73	74.77	72.87
GOVERNMENT FINANCE (% of GDP) (f)(t)							
Revenue and grants	11.9	8.8	8.3	8.4	11.2	13.6(g)	16.7
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Grants	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Expenditure and net lending	21.0	19.4	20.0	18.6	19.5	20.4(g)	19.0
Recurrent expenditure	15.2	16.3	15.6	14.6	17.1	17.7(g)	16.0
Capital expenditure and net lending	5.7	3.1	4.4	4.0	2.4	2.6	3.0
Current account balance	-3.4	-7.5	-7.3	-6.4	-6.0	-4.3(g)	0.7
Primary balance	-3.4	-4.4	-5.7	-3.7	0.6	2.2	5.4
Overall fiscal balance	-9.0	-10.7	-11.7	-10.2	-8.3	-6.8	-2.3
Deficit financing	9.0	10.7	11.7	10.2	8.3	6.8	2.3
Foreign	3.4	-0.5	-0.1	1.8	1.8	1.1	0.4
Domestic	5.6	11.2	11.8	8.5	6.5	5.7	1.8
Central government debt (u)(v)	81.9	96.6	100.0	114.2	104.2 (g)	95.5 (g)	91.6
Foreign	39.0	38.7	37.0	51.8	42.3 (g)	34.7 (g)	34.6
Domestic (w)	42.9	57.9	63.0	62.5	61.9 (g)	60.8 (g)	57.0
MONETARY AGGREGATES (y-o-y % change)							
Reserve money	-3.0	3.4	35.4	3.3	-1.5	15.8	16.7
Narrow money (M ₁)	4.2	36.0	24.0	-0.4	14.1	16.1	18.8
Broad money (M ₂)	7.0	23.4	13.2	15.4	7.3	8.6	11.5
Net foreign assets of the banking system	250.3	-308.0	-368.8	-79.9	74.2	225.6	86.2
Net domestic assets of the banking system	4.6	27.8	20.9	20.9	-2.9	0.8	8.4
Domestic credit from the banking system to							
Government (net)	11.1	62.7	28.2	28.1	10.9	-0.2	0.2
Public corporations/SOBEs	8.3	22.5	18.6	47.3	-56.0	-14.7	-20.9
Private sector	4.2	6.5	13.1	6.2	-0.6	10.7	25.2
Money multiplier for M ₂ (end year)	8.18	9.75	8.15	9.11	9.93	9.30	8.89
Velocity of M ₂ (average for the year)(f)	2.16	1.84	1.73	2.04	2.18(g)	2.20(g)	2.16
INTEREST RATES (% per annum at year end)							
Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) (x)	-	-	-	-	-	8.00	7.75
Standing Deposit Facility Rate (SDFR) (x)	7.00	4.50	5.00	14.50	9.00	7.50	7.25
Standing Lending Facility Rate (SLFR) (x)	8.00	5.50	6.00	15.50	10.00	8.50	8.25
Bank Rate (y)	15.00	8.50	9.00	30.22	14.50	10.00	9.00
Legal Rate of Interest / Market Rate of Interest (z)	11.50	11.64	10.12	7.48	16.97	15.15	12.12
Money market rates							
Average weighted call money rate (AWCMR)	7.45	4.55	5.95	15.50	9.24	8.00	8.04
Treasury bill yields							
91-day	7.51	4.69	8.16	32.64	14.51	8.62	7.74
364-day	8.45	5.05	8.24	29.27	12.93	8.96	8.45
Deposit rates							
Commercial banks' average weighted deposit rate (AWDR)	8.20	5.80	4.94	14.06	11.64	7.53	6.78
Commercial banks' average weighted fixed deposit rate (AWFDR)	10.05	7.14	5.94	18.49	14.88	9.27	8.41
Commercial banks' average weighted new deposit rate (AWNDR)	8.89	4.93	6.45	23.07	11.06	6.52	6.29
Commercial banks' average weighted new fixed deposit rate (AWNDFDR)	9.17	5.08	6.67	23.73	11.33	6.57	7.02
NSB savings rate	4.00	3.50	3.50	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
NSB 12-month fixed deposit rate	9.83	5.25	5.50	12.00	8.00	7.00	6.75
Lending rates							
Commercial banks' average weighted prime lending rate (AWPR)-Weekly	9.74	5.81	8.61	27.24	12.13	8.90	9.07
Commercial banks' average weighted lending rate (AWLR)	13.59	10.29	9.87	18.70	14.21	11.93	11.48
Commercial banks' average weighted new lending rate (AWNLR)	12.80	8.38	9.48	26.20	14.38	10.77	10.69
Licensed banks' average weighted SME rate (AWSR) (aa)	-	10.95	10.49	20.73	15.33	12.48	11.53
Licensed banks' average weighted new SME rate (AWNRSR) (aa)	-	8.53	10.04	26.91	14.96	11.59	11.12
CAPITAL MARKET							
All share price index (ASPI) (1985 = 100)	6,129.2	6,774.2	12,226.0	8,489.7	10,654.2	15,944.6	22,624.3
S&P SL20 index (2004 Dec = 1,000)	2,937.0	2,638.1	4,233.3	2,635.6	3,068.4	4,862.1	6,157.4
Value of shares traded (Rs. mn)	171,408	396,882	1,173,157	686,602	410,629	537,635	1,866,782
Net purchases by non nationals (Rs. mn)	-11,735	-51,356	-52,648	30,625	4,363	-10,479	-38,628
Market capitalisation (Rs. bn)	2,851.3	2,960.7	5,489.2	3,847.2	4,248.9	5,695.6	8,068.6

(n) Based on GDP estimates in US dollars.

(o) Excludes foreign assets in the form of direct investments abroad and trade credit and advances received.

(p) Overall debt service ratios were reclassified to capture debt servicing in accordance with the External Debt Statistics Manual (2003) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

(q) Special Drawing Rights (SDR), the unit of account of the IMF

(r) Exchange rates have been defined in terms of indices so that the appreciation/depreciation of the rupee relative to other currencies is reflected by a rise/fall in the values of the effective exchange rate indices.

(s) CCI is used for the computation of the Real Effective Exchange Rate (REER). The REER is computed by adjusting the Nominal Effective Exchange Rate (NEER) for inflation differentials with the countries whose currencies are included in the basket.

(t) According to the Ministry of Finance, some fiscal sector statistics of 2019 have been restated as announced in the Budget Speech for 2020.

(u) As per the guidelines of compiling government debt statistics based on the Public Sector Debt Statistics Framework published by the IMF, non resident holdings of outstanding SLDBs have been classified under foreign debt and resident holdings of outstanding ISBs of the Sri Lankan Government have been classified under domestic debt. Further, debt statistics are presented on net basis (net of deposits). With the establishment of the Public Debt Management Office (PDMO) under the Ministry of Finance (MOF), the responsibility for recording and publishing Sri Lanka's public debt now falls under the PDMO, as mandated by the provisions of the Public Debt Management Act, No. 33 of 2024. Accordingly, the Quarterly Statistical Debt Bulletin, published by the PDMO, serves as the official source for debt statistics. The Central Bank compiles and presents these debt data statistics based on data received from the MOF, to ensure the data continuity.

(v) The outstanding central government debt excludes several debt service payments that became overdue after 12 April 2022, the date of which the Interim Policy regarding the servicing of Sri Lanka's external public debt was announced by the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. These debt service payments comprise of overdue interest payments of affected debt which deemed to be capitalised as per the Interim Policy.

(w) Liabilities of the central government to commercial banks reported in the Monetary Survey of the Central Bank was used to compute domestic debt until 2022. From 2023 onwards, domestic debt compilation method was changed and is based on the data confirmed by the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

(x) With effect from 27 November 2024, the OPR is defined as the policy interest rate of the Central Bank. SDFR and SLFR are linked to the OPR with a pre-determined margin as decided by the Central Bank.

(y) The rate at which the Central Bank grants advances to banking institutions as the lender of last resort.

(z) The Legal Rate is defined under the Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Act No. 6 of 1990 and is applicable to any legal action for the recovery of a sum of money. The Market Rate is defined under the Debt Recovery (Special Provisions) Act No. 2 of 1990 and is applicable only in relation to legal actions instituted by lending institutions for the recovery of debt exceeding Rs.150,000 arising out of commercial transactions, where there is no agreed rate of interest. The Governing Board of the Central Bank determines the Legal Rate and Market Rate for each year and publishes in the Government Gazette in the month of December to be applicable for the forthcoming year. The Legal Rate and the Market Rate for the year 2026 is 11.39% per annum.

(aa) AWSR reflects interest rates on all outstanding rupee loans extended by licensed banks to the MSME sector, while AWNSR captures rates on new rupee loans granted during a given month by licensed banks to the MSME sector. Both exclude government's reference schemes and non-performing loans of the banks. AWSR and AWNSR are computed based on the SME survey of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. This survey uses the criterion of annual turnover of not exceeding Rs. 1 bn to define MSMEs, in line with the standard definition. The compilation of these rates commenced in July 2020.